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SUBJ: SOVIET DEALINGS WITH CASTRO

1. FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH AS A N INDICATION OF CURRENT CUBAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NIKITA TOLUBEYEV CLAIMED TO ACTING USINT CHIEF, JUNE 9, THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY CASTRO SINCE TOLUBEYEV'S MAY 24 RETURN FROM MOSCOW BECAUSE CUBAN LEADER "HAS BEEN TOO BUSY".

2. COMMENT: IF TOLUBEYEV'S STORY IS TRUE, WHICH IS UNCERTAIN, CASTRO'S FAILURE TO MEET IS EXTRAORDINARY. WHILE THE CUBAN LEADER MAY HAVE BEEN TIED UP BEFORE JUNE 2 IN PREPARATIONS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, IN SUBSEQUENT PERIOD HE HAD HAD TIME, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CHAT FOR SIX HOURS WITH AMERICAN WRITER HERE TO WORK ON BOOK ON BAY OF PIGS, TO RECEIVE VISITING STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF CUBAN AFFAIRS WAYNE SMITH, AND NOW TO RECEIVE CODEL SOLARZ (JUNE 12). GLASSMAN

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